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Unexamined Japanese Patent Publication No. HEI 10-228196, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 2 of the specification of the above-mentioned application;

Unexamined Japanese Patent Publication No. HEI 10-123861, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 2 of the specification of the above-mentioned application;

Unexamined Japanese Patent Publication No. HEI 10-74007, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 3 of the specification of the above-mentioned application; and

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-227249, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

Applicants also call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0201768; and

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0072931.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

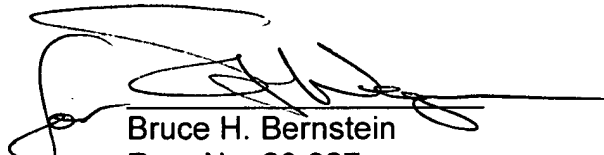
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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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	1	English language Abstract of JP 10-228196.
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